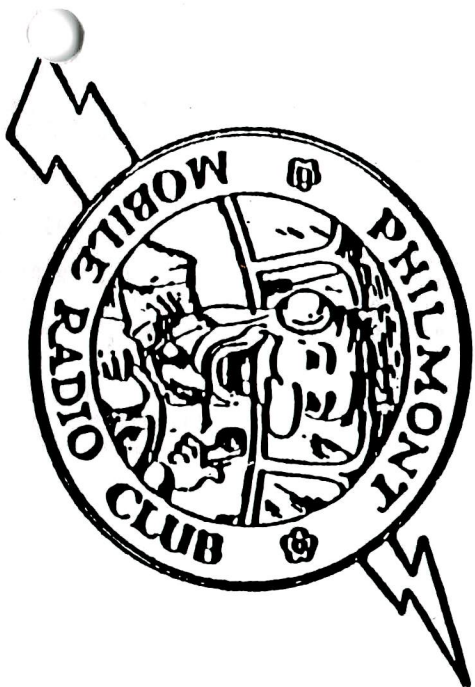


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## PHIL-MONT's Net Schedule

SUNDAY	Mon	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	Thu	Fri	Sat
09:30 147.030 Mhz FM		20:00 147.030 Mhz FM	20:00 147.030 Mhz FM			
10:30 23.400 Mhz SSB		Personalized CW	Swap Net			
10:30 3.993 Mhz SSB		Practice Net				

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up to date as forecasts made with the live data. Although the package does not automate the weather forecasting it does include a primer on forecasting based on weather data and mapping.

Now a commercial product, the software was originally written to assist gifted students in the Hartford school system do weather forecasting, according to the students' teacher, Daniel Barstow, who is also the program's author and president of Meta-comet.

The \$90 package currently runs on IBM Personal Computers and compatibles and requires a modem. A version for Apple Computer, Inc.'s Macintosh is slated to be available next month. In addition, a version for the Apple II in in the works and will reportedly be available in six months.

There is no subscription fee for Accu-Weather data. Users pay an hourly charge for connecting to Accu-Weather, and a typical fee for downloading would be \$2. Barstow said.

## V.E. TEST LOCATIONS

from EPA FEEDLINE

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May 25  
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FROM THE BEER SEAT- - -

LZ UBH, UB'X UCEKG;

DZHLUFQLU UB HBPAQGBJ.

Anon, anon, anon, anon.....

# PHIL-MONT TECH-NI-GRAM

## WIRE ANTENNA CONSIDERATIONS

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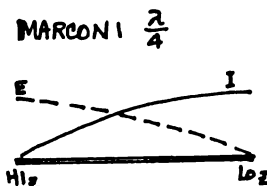
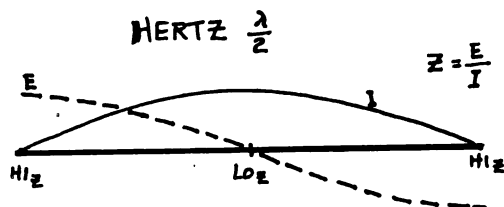
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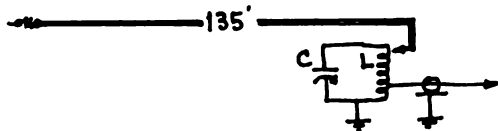
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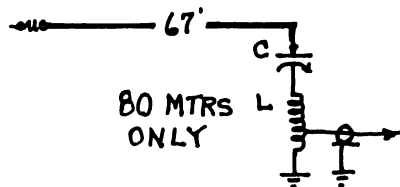
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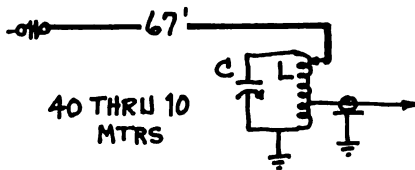
**TYPICAL WIRE ANTENNA:**



80 THRU 10 MTRS



80 MTRS ONLY



40 THRU 10 MTRS

3/7/88

de W3VVS

## The PREZ SEZ N3EAY

Wow! The year is going fast. Here it is already April. It is time to start thinking of the summer activities. Hamfests, Pad-dlerama, Corestates Cycling, Half Marathon, etc., etc.; if these names are not that familiar to you, you have not taken advantage of Phil-Mont's more outgoing activities.

Phil-Mont is more than talking on our repeater. It has developed into a Service Group. \*\*\* WE \*\*\* provide assistance to other groups and organizations so they can run events safer and more successfully. It is hard to believe that, in the few years that I have been associated with the club, WE have grown. We assist with the only professional bicycle race in the United

States. We are consulted with when newer radio clubs need assistance. This list goes on and on.

There is, unfortunately, a new trend forming. The misconception that the club has become self-sustaining in the area of labor. This is not true. As we grow, more work develops. The club needs its members more now than it did three years ago. Simply put, Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club needs YOU! I know there's a group out there that feels they have put in their time. I urge them to look around themselves at meetings. The faces have not changed that much. The membership is still growing, but we need the experienced help to keep Phil-Mont at the outstanding level it has achieved. Hopefully with YOUR help we can work to go even farther.

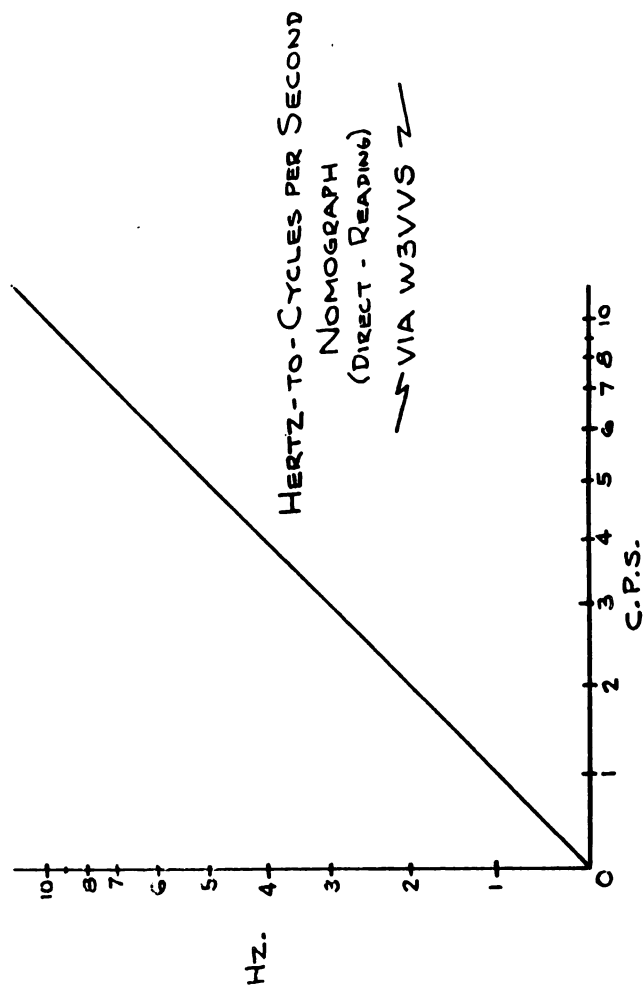
Awaiting your calls .....

## Ganis CORNER

A NOTE TO SMOKERS OF PHILMONT...  
OVER THE YEARS 7 MEMBERS OF MY FAMILY WERE 'LOST,' DUE TO CAUSES RELATE TO SMOKING. NOW THAT BONEY BROWN FINGER OF TOBACCO HAS IS POINTED TO THE EIGHTH SMOKER.. I SAY TO YOU.. QUIT IF YOU CAN.. SMOKE IF YOU MUST.. BUT REMEMBER...IT'S SLOW SUICIDE!

We were reminded recently that many newcomers to ham radio might not fully understand how some of the newer technical terms relate to earlier terms, now almost forgotten. Reproduced below, from the April, 1968 BLURB, is a nomogram which should be helpful to many readers, young and old.

# THE PHIL-MONT TECHNIGRAM



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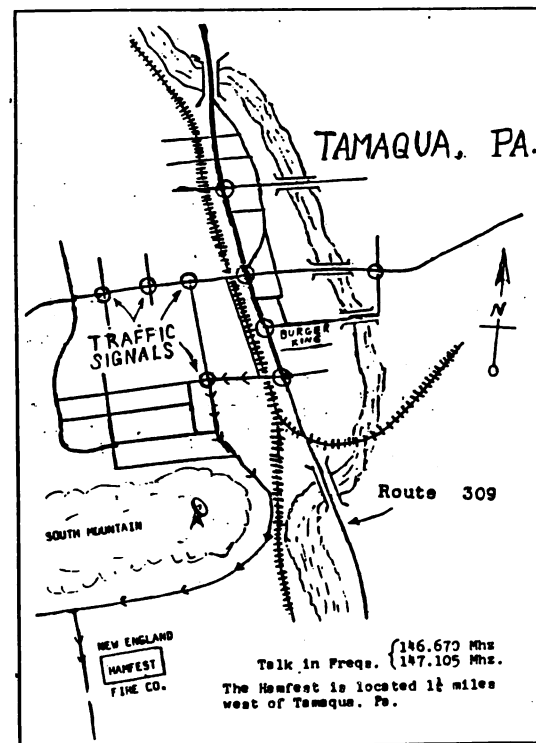
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## MINUTES February 1988 DIRECTORS' MEETING

N3EAY called the meeting to order promptly at 8 PM on February 17, 1988 at the home he shares with his wife Ruthanne and many assorted animals. In attendance were K3GNM, K3KUD, KB3IV, N3EAY, W388B, WB3CMM, N2RM and KA3BET.

KB3IV reassured the group that Phil-Mont funds were still growing. If there are any doubts as to the books, he said that audit committee of W3IIN, KA3BET, W388B and W3ZPP would meet in March when everybody got back from vacation.

Two membership applications were considered, namely "Dusty" William E. Rhodes, ND3Q, and Salvatore Valente, N3FVW. WB3CMM moved that they be elected for membership, and KA3BET seconded the motion. All present agreed with the motion.

The cost for membership badges and the initiation fee for membership was next discussed. After some discussion, KB3IV moved with W388B seconding, that the initiation fee be raised to \$4.00 to cover the increased costs for the badges.

W388B reported that Jim Bach, K3PHC declined to be a representative to the Delaware Valley Council of Amateur Radio Clubs, so Phil-Mont is still looking for a volunteer. ("A few good men").

Technical Committee: W388B still needs 450 Mhz cavities.

A thank you note will be sent to Trevoise "Hamtronics" for their gift of the ARRL "Amateur Radio Resources Directory". If you wish to refer to it it will be at W3TKQ.

TKQ: PWG needs a monitor scope for the RTTY unit.

The next topic of discussion was WA3AUN's suggestion at the meeting that no smoking be permitted at the meetings. It was agreed that the members should courteously refrain from smoking if asked by another person at the meeting, but no rule needed to be passed regarding it.

KB3IV suggested that the BLURB be continued to be sent to N3EAY.

W388B will again check on April Mid-Month meeting with Del-Mont Radio Club.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM and refreshments prepared by Ruthanne were enjoyed by all.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert R. Moore, N2RM, Secretary

(215) 448-1139

## W3IRS MENDING

When's the last time you dialed our 24 hour information number? (Nice job, Rollie!)

Net Control operators: don't forget to announce the number on each net. You never know who might be helped by that phone call. The club bought the answering machine, so let's get some mileage out of it!

Ernie says that it would be nice if some of the guys would drop Frenchy a line or QSL card. He's not bedridden but in a wheel chair with very heavy iron braces from his waist to his ankles.

He can receive phone calls at 251-5400.

Mr. Charles Andrews  
Bryn Mawr Hosp Re-Hab Center  
Room 601  
414 Paoli Pk., Paoli, PA 19031



# MINUTES March 1988 GENERAL MEETING

N3EAY called the meeting to order promptly (heh heh -ed) at 8:00 PM on March 7, 1988.

EAY is still looking for a volunteer to be Phil-Mont's representative to the Delaware Valley Council of Amateur Radio Clubs. He reintroduced that phrase which appeared on the front cover of the BLURB. "Ask not what Phil-Mont can do for you...but what you can do for Phil-Mont." Think about it when a request is made for "Volunteers" and act accordingly.

KB3IV reported that the Treasury keeps growing and some dues are yet to come in. He again asks you to renew or join ARRL thru Phil-Mont. It costs no more and we get a commission. According to the requests of non smoker, KB3IV requested that smoking be done outside the meeting room.

W3VVS reported 29 members present and 7 visitors. Visitors by call/name included KA3PMV, KA2STB, K3WH, WA2JYS, KA2DMB, KA3RKZ, KA3EMS and NM3W.

It appeared that as a matter of convenience, W3IIN won the 50-50, so that while collecting her loot, she could introduce new members. Sal Valente and "Dusty" Rhodes.

Rolly, W3PWG, reported that W3TKQ was active in the ARRL DX contest that previous weekend working 40 countries, with another 40 countries worked by WA3EHD at the station.

Seemingly in an effort to prove the theorem that "No news is good news", or if not that, at least that "Like father like son", W3888 and N3DHI had nothing to report in their respective areas of responsibilities.

W3888 subsequently reported, however that in his efforts to pursue a joint mid-month meeting with the DelMont Radio Club that the 20th of April was selected as a tentative date at the "Homestead" which is in the Fort Washington area. One small complication is that they were recently robbed and their appointment book was stolen. Hopefully, not too many people were scheduled on that night!

BLURB Committee (W3IIM) reported that what you see is what you get. If there is no input, there won't be any output.

It was reported that the club initiation fee has been raised to \$4.00 to cover increased costs.

W3888 again asked for leads on cavities for 450 Mhz.

BBB suggested that there needs to be better coordination between net controls.

It was reported that Harry Baynard, K3SZJ was in the Delaware County Hospital. Please drop him a card.

WB3CHM introduced a program on wire antennas in which K3GBA, WB3CHM, N2RM, NM3W, and W3VVS discussed their pet wire antennas.

Ramona, KN3N reported 14 showed up for volunteer examinations, 21 elements were given, and 11 passed. She also needs volunteers next month for volunteer examiners. If you are certified as a VE, please contact her so she can get a list of volunteer VEs.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Robert R. Moore, N2RM, Secretary

## SPECIAL NOTICE

Germantown High School's class of '38 will hold its 50th reunion (February and June classes) on Sunday, 19 June 1988 at Williamson's Restaurant in Horsham, PA. For additional information contact: Dave Phillips: 215-659-4453 or Pat Schaef: 215-672-1088. -W3PST

# PHIL-MONT MOBILE RADIO CLUB COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON LIST AS OF MARCH 19, 1988

COMMITTEE	CHAIRPERSON	CALL
Archives	Jinny	W3IIN
Awards	vacancy	.....
Blurb	Woody	W3PST
Directory	Don	WB3KOJ
D X	Mark	WA3AUN
Membership	Jinny	W3IIN
Mo-Com V	Rick	N3DHI
Net Control	unconfirmed	.....
Program	Bill	WB3CHM
Publicity	Bob	N3EAY
Refreshments	Bob	N3EAY
Repeater & - Technical	Jim	W3888
Social Events	vacancy	.....
Sunshine	unconfirmed	.....
Special Events	vacancy	.....
VE Program	Ramona	KN3N
W3TKQ (club - station)	Rollie	W3PWG
Welcome	Paul	W3VVS

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE help out your club by volunteering to place your name in a vacancy above, and/or help the committee chairperson with their tasks by being part of their committee.

## DINE with DELMONT

In lieu of our regular April mid-month meeting, we will have another dinner meeting with members of the DELMONT radio club. This august group has rearranged its schedule to permit us to share another enjoyable evening with them at The HOMESTEAD INN, in Horsham.

As last year, the cost per person will be \$15.00, however, this year, you need not pay in advance. The only requirement is that we give them a final headcount no later than April 18th. Please contact KB3IV if you plan to attend. (Ed will be the NCS for the 2 meter net on Sunday, April 17th.)

Date: Wednesday APRIL 20th

Time: Cash bar - 6:30 PM  
Dinner - 7:30 PM

Location: The HOMESTEAD INN  
1 mile north of the PA Turnpike, just off of Welsh Road (Rt. 63).



## COMMUNICATION WITHIN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

Nancy Vander Velde  
AA6EA

## PHIL-MONT COMMITTEES

- ARCHIVE: Maintain and improve the club's archives of membership, submitted photographs, video tapes, and press clippings of club oriented functions.
- AWARDS: Select deserving club members for our annual awards.
- BLURB: Organize member submitted articles; technical, editorial, or other, and provide general help required to get the Blurb out each month.  
Subcommittee: BLURB folding.
- DIRECTORY: Collate and publish a yearly membership directory.
- DX: Track DX and report findings to membership
- MEMBERSHIP: Encourage new member applications, and maintain membership records.
- MO-COM 5: Maintain and improve our MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS van.
- NET CONTROL: Coordinate our various nets, and assist with Net Control functions as necessary.
- PROGRAM: Obtain program speakers, material and ideas for our monthly meeting programs.
- PUBLICITY: Publicize our club and our club's activities to both the Ham and the General communities.
- REFRESHMENTS: Obtain the goodies for our monthly meetings.
- REPEATER & TECHNICAL: Maintain and improve our club's repeaters, and consult on other technical problems within the club and its equipment.
- SOCIAL EVENTS: Plan and organize social events for the club.
- SUNSHINE: Maintain contact with unwell club members.
- SPECIAL EVENTS: Plan, organize, and coordinate special service events.
- VE PROGRAM: Administer the Novice through Extra Class license exams according to the V-E guidelines.
- W3TKQ: Maintain, improve, and operate the club station W3TKQ.
- WELCOME: Meet and greet members and visitors at the monthly meetings.

Communication within a country of only 70 square miles normally would not be a problem...if this small land area was massed together. But in the Republic of the Marshall Islands, this tiny amount of land is spread amongst more than 1,000 islands scattered over a half million square miles of the Pacific Ocean. So from the earliest days of human habitation, communication has been the backbone of this society.

Initially, outrigger canoes were the only means to send word from one island or atoll to another. One has to admire both the courage and navigational abilities of these so-called "primitive" sailors, for they would cross hundreds of miles of open ocean and accurately arrive on a strip of flat land that is not even visible beyond the near horizon. They had no modern compasses or marine radios for emergencies. They knew their way because each and every navigator had carefully studied a chart of pandanus wood, coconut fiber and sea shells. From these, wave patterns and island locations were precisely known.

The ancient art of Marshallese navigation and long-distance outrigger communication has essentially vanished into history, but the communication that is now making history on the Marshall Islands is the modern electronic version.

Granted, three-element beams or towers do not dominate the skyline, and even telephones will not be found in most homes of the highly Westernized capital of Majuro, but there are a few amateur radio operators based on both the atolls of Majuro and Kwajalein. There are, of course, not the large number of hams as in the big cities of the United States with their special interest groups. Yet, for instance, on

Kwajalein, there are enough operators to have their own club and two-meter repeater. And individual hams have as up-to-date gear and radio interests as could be expected anywhere on earth!

Most of these hams have come from other parts of the world, bringing with them both their hobby and their distinctive accents. So while you may find a KK6 station on the air that can give you a taste of what the official language of this Micronesian nation, Marshallese, sounds like, you are actually more likely to find operators with varying degrees of knowledge of Marshallese and speak with American, Australian, or even Iuvaluan accents.

If you should want to become portable or permanent DX yourself in the Marshalls, the agency to check with, especially for non-U.S. hams, is the Department of Transportation and Communication.

Yet even without making the long trip, you can tap into "Radio Marshalls" WS20, "The Mighty voice of the Marshalls", a short-wave station at 6.070 and 4.940, and also broadcasting at 1.090 MHz, between 7:00 AM and 10:00 PM local time, (19:00 to 10:00 UCT), at 10,000 watts. World news is the simple retransmission of Voice of America or Radio Australia. There is also local news given in both Marshallese and English, as well as popular music of all sorts, (rock to country), from the United States and elsewhere, interspersed with Marshallese songs. If trying to attune your ears to the initially strange sounding tongue of Marshallese, it is safer to concentrate on the spoken broadcast rather than the music, because other Pacific Islander songs are played and you may end up being enchanted by a Gilbertese melody by mistake.

On the two main population centers of Majuro and Ebeye, (Kwajalein Atoll), with over 20,000 people between them, there are less than 1,000 phone numbers. (This figure excludes the Ameri-

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## LAST CALL!

The following items have been recently deleted from the Swap Net Listings

CALL SIGN: K3RRK NAME: ROY PHONE: 215-887-9231  
LOOKING FOR A KENWOOD DG5 DIGITAL READOUT FOR A KENWOOD 520  
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CALL SIGN: KA3JSO NAME: JIM PHONE: 215-364-7340  
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TUBES AND POWR SUPPLY \$275  
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CALL SIGN: KA3NXN NAME: JAIME (HEIMY) PHONE: 215-688-0604  
RANGER AR3300 10 MTR MOBILE RIG ALL MODE DIGITALLY SYNTHESIZED  
30 WATT CW/SSB 10 WATT AM/FM \$350.00 NEG.  
----- \* -----

CALL SIGN: N2HGL NAME: JOE PHONE: 609-354-1905  
BENCHER KEY BLACK BASE PADDLE \$30.00 -- DENTRON PEAK READING  
WATT METER 50-150 MHZ 20/200 WATT \$50.00  
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CALL SIGN: N3FCB NAME: CHUCK PHONE: 215-659-2963  
LOOKING FOR AN ICOM 730 OR A YEASU 707 OR SIMILAR  
CALL AFTER 5 PM  
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CALL SIGN: KA2PLS NAME: KEN PHONE: 215-887-3416  
LOOKING FOR A 2 MTR ANTENNA (RINGO RANGER OR SIMILAR)  
CALL EVENINGS  
----- \* -----

CALL SIGN: KA3AMO NAME: STEVE PHONE: 215-535-8061  
LOOKING FOR A COMMODORE C64 COMPUTER  
----- \* -----

CALL SIGN: KA3JEG NAME: JOE PHONE: 609-582-8184  
ICOM IC21A 2MTR XTAL CONTROLLED XCEIVER LN \$100  
CALL AFTER 5 PM  
----- \* -----

CALL SIGN: W3NJW NAME: ED PHONE: 215-277-1388  
JOHNSON VIKING VALIANT 10-160 METERS 200 WATTS AM-CW \$75.00  
----- \* -----

CALL SIGN: WA3ADI NAME: VINCE PHONE: 215-477-6301  
LOOKING FOR 220 RIG, PREFERS XTAL CONTROLLED  
----- \* -----

CALL SIGN: K3IPK NAME: RICH PHONE: 215-646-4188  
LOOKING FOR: A CLIMBING BELT, A 2 ELEMENT 40 MTR BEAM, A  
HAM 3 OR 4 ROTOR, TA33 OR 3 ELEMENT TRIBANDER, ELECTRONIC  
KEYER (MEMORY PREFERRED), AND ROHN 25 SECTIONS  
----- \* -----

CALL SIGN: KB3JW NAME: RAY PHONE: 215-646-3741  
LOOKING FOR A BENCHER PADDLE  
----- \* -----

CALL SIGN: W2GMA NAME: MEL PHONE: 609-795-3294  
LOOKING FOR A 2 MTR MULTIMODE XCEIVER; AND A PACKET CONTRLER  
----- \* -----

CALL SIGN: W3VVS NAME: PAUL PHONE: 215-886-8666  
WILSON T1402SM 2 MTR 6 CHNL XTAL 2WT HT W/LEATHER BELT CASE,  
TOUCH TONE PAD ON FRONT, CHARGER, SPEAKER MIC. & MANUAL \$80.  
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can base on Kwajelelin Island itself, next door to Ebeye.) As strange as it may seem, cars and taxis serve as good replacements for telephones, especially on Majuro. For only .30¢ for a taxi ride to anywhere within the metropolitan area, a telephone can seem to be rather a luxury. And when all else fails, the old method of putting one foot in front of the other and visiting in person, is hard to beat.

When someone who is without a telephone needs to contact an overseas location, (and does not have an amateur radio or is going to talk business), the Satellite Communication Station is able to make the connection. The dish used is monstrous! In a nearby office, an operator does the actual dialing for the caller. At \$4.00 a minute to the United States and even Guam, and \$3.00 to as nearby as the State of Kosrae, and as much as \$5.00 a minute to other places, one has a tendency to talk rather quickly. And telegraphs are slightly less, (.40¢ per word), but still limit conversation.

The phoneless Outer Islands are kept in communication with the population centers and the outside world by means of a government owned single-side band, shortwave station on a marine frequency.

Electronic communication within the Marshalls is just beginning to open up, as the ancient wood and sea shell type has faded into nonexistence. As Telex, HF, VHF, Business and other commercial radio begin to grow with this new nation, amateur radio will also expand. More and more KK6 call signs should be heard on the airwaves, and island names such as Jaluit, Enewetak, Namorik, Maloelap, Alingalapalap, Mili, and Ailuk may no longer be such oddities to non-Marshalllese ears.

Yokwe in jiljilinjounnoul-jilu  
(Greetings, love & seventy-three)

## DON'T TELL WILLARD COTT ABOUT THIS ONE

from Computer World  
by Douglas Barney

If you want to know what the weather will be in Yuma, Arizona tomorrow, or how cold it was yesterday in Fairbanks, Alaska, just ask your computer. At least, that's what Metacommet Software, Inc. hopes users will do.

Metacommet recently completed Accu-Weather Forecaster, a software package that can import and analyze live weather data from the Accu-Weather Inc., weather service. The data includes air pressure, fog, rain, wind direction and speed and steering winds which exist at some 18,000 feet, and help determine the direction weather systems take.

While aimed in part at the hobbyist market, the package is also applicable to any business that depends on the weather. These businesses include agriculture, amusement parks, transportation firms and ski areas, all of which make business decisions based on often out-of-date weather forecasts.

Metacommet is also pitching the product to on-the-go executives to assist in travel planning. The package is not intended for businesses such as large airports, which already have trained meteorologists on staff.

Small insurance firms hoping to predict potential damages from storms are also a target of the product. But like major airports, most large insurance firms employ meteorologists and can predict storm damages before a storm occurs.

When using Accu-Weather Forecaster, users log on to the Accu-Weather service at 1,200 bit/sec. and download specifically requested information.

The software can map the date, allowing the user to make the forecast. Accu-Weather also provides premade Accu-Weather forecasts, but these are not as



**\* UPDATE \***

**APR 4** General Meeting

**Apr 20** Joint dinner meeting with DELMONT at The Homestead Inn. Please see additional information in this issue.

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**MAY 2** General Meeting

**May 18** Directors' meeting at KAZANO & N3FTC's

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**JUNE 6** General Meeting

**June 15** Directors' meeting at N3EAY & K3RLD's

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**Jul 16-17 PADDLERAMA!**

**NEW MEMBER APPLICATION**

NAME: Paul H. Trueax  
HANDLE: Paul  
CALL: N2HXZ  
ADDRESS: 111 Setauket Trail  
Medford Lakes, NJ 08055  
HOME PHONE: (609) 654-5647  
OCCUPATION: Sales  
BUSINESS PHONE: (215) 426-5800

**HAMFESTS**

We will print an ongoing schedule of Hamfests based on information received. Please help us keep our list current. If you don't see your favorite event listed here, it's because YOU didn't send it to W3IIM prior to the BLURB deadline!

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**APR 16** FLEMINGTON, NJ  
Cherryville Repeater Assn.  
146.52 147.015 147.375  
224.12 444.85

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**APR 23-24** TRENTON, NJ  
Trenton State College RC  
146.67

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**APR 24** PENNSAUKEN, NJ  
Willingboro Area Repeater Assn.  
146.925

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**APR 29-30, DAYTON HAMVENTION**  
**MAY 1**

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**MAY 1** DREXEL HILL, PA  
Delaware County ARA

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**MAY 15** TAMAQUA, PA  
Tamaqua Xmt'g Society  
146.67 147.105

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**MAY 15** WRIGHTSTOWN, PA  
Warminster ARC

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**JUL 31** BALTIMORE (BRATS)

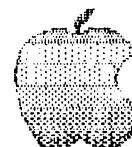
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**AUG 28** MULICA HILL, NJ  
Gloucester County ARC  
4H Fairgrounds,  
147.18 146.52

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**SEP 24-25** YORK HAMFEST

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**APPLE BYTES...**

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

02-CHARLES A. ANDREWS - W3IRS  
05-ROBERT MOORE - N2RM  
06-ALBERTA CLARK (XYL KB3QE)  
-EDWIN N. FAYE - W3RCE  
08-JACKIE CHEDEVILLE (XYL W3GQD)  
-ADELIA GUSS (XYL W3GQP)  
11-WAYNE C. ZIEGLER - WB2SZF  
15-ROBERT DiPASQUALE - WB3KAB  
16-RAYMOND C. GARVIN - W3GRY  
17-NED SCHLICHTING - N2EMN  
19-HAROLD P. GRACE - W3HFY  
-LILLIE PORT (XYL W3HYU)  
21-LAURA LUSKY (XYL W3APD)  
22-RUSSELL E. MILLER - K3NYN  
23-VICKIE MARRUCHELLA (XYL WB3EKK)  
-EMMA SHAW (XYL W3ADV)  
27-BUNNY DiPASQUALE (XYL WB3KAB)  
-DR. CARL H. VOLD - W3SGR  
28-TOM D'ANNUNZIO - KA3OXZ  
-BESS ROWLAND (XYL W3JIL)  
29-ALICE FARIES (XYL W3ADA)

**TIME TO RENEW**

K3GBA IT'S TIME TO FILL OUT A 610 FORM FOR THE FCC.

**HELP PHIL-MONT**

ARE YOU PLANNING TO JOIN ARRL OR RENEW YOUR CURRENT MEMBERSHIP? HELP PHIL-MONT BY JOINING OR RENEWING THROUGH THE CLUB...CONTACT KB3IV FOR THE DETAILS.

**UPDATES**

LAST CALL FOR CHANGES FOR THE 1988 P.M.R.C. DIRECTORY...LET ME KNOW BY APRIL 15th.

....DE WB3KOJ

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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					<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>Passover</i>
3 2m NCS WJSRU 10m NCS Anyone 75m NCS WJPGW  <i>Easter</i>	4 GENERAL MEETING & LICENSE EXAMS	5 CODE PRACTICE NET	6 SWAP NET	7	8	9
10 2m NCS WJAWG 10m NCS Anyone 75m NCS WJAOA	11	12 CODE PRACTICE NET	13 SWAP NET  <i>Thomas Jefferson's Birthday</i>	14	15	16
17 2m NCS KB3IV 10m NCS Anyone 75m NCS WJRCF	18	19 CODE PRACTICE NET	20 SWAP NET  DINNER MEETING With DELMONT RC <i>Reservations via KB3IV</i>	21	22	23
24 2m NCS WJZPP 10m NCS Anyone 75m NCS AK2I	25	26 CODE PRACTICE NET	27 SWAP NET  <i>Secretary's Day</i>	28	29	30